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SURPRISE CHECK OF KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has conducted surprise checks on the premises of Kendriya Bhandar in connection with irregularities in purchase of various items and seized relevant document etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether CBI has completed its investigation in the matter and identified persons involved in the scam and registered any preliminary enquiries and if so, the details thereof and action taken against persons found guilty;

(c) whether as per Rule 150 of General Financial Rules, 2005 and CVC`s instructions, invitation of tenders by advertisement is mandatory for procurement of goods of estimated value of Rs. 25 Lakhs and above;

(d) if so, the details of complaints received by the Chief Vigilance Officer, Kendriya Bhandar and CBI for making purchases violating GFRs and CVC`s instruction and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to wipe out corruption from Kendriya Bhandar?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): CBI has recently conducted a joint surprise check on the premises of Kendriya Bhandar, on 27th March 2015 and collected documents and samples of some items which are under examination.

(c): Rule 150 of General Financial Rules, 2005 inter alia stipulates that subject to exceptions incorporated under Rule 151 and 154, invitation of tender by advertisement should be used for procurement of goods of estimated value Rs. 25 lakh (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh) and above.

The Central Vigilance Commission has issued a number of instructions/guidelines in order to bring transparency and accountability in award of contracts. As regards calling and finalization of limited tenders, the Commission has advised organizations under its purview to invite limited tenders from a panel prepared in a transparent manner clearly publishing the eligibility criteria and such panel being updated regularly.

(e): Several steps have been taken to ensure transparency and accountability in Kendriya Bhandar which inter-alia include:-

(i) A vigilance department headed by Chief Vigilance Officer.

(ii) Prompt enquiries against complaints received.

(iii) Gradual implementation of payment to suppliers through RTGS/NEFT in Kendriya Bhandar.

(iv) Submission of monthly/quarterly and annual reports in respect of Kendriya Bhandar to CVC

(v) Surprise inspections by vigilance department.

(d): Chief Vigilance Officer of Kendriya Bhandar has received a complaint on 2nd April, 2015 regarding purchase of sugar without inviting open tender in violation of CVC instructions and Rule 150 of GFRs and the same has been enquired upon by CVO Kendriya Bhandar in the light of Executive Committee/Board decisions on this issue. No complaint has been received by CBI recently against officers of Kendriya Bhandar regarding purchase of items in violation of the provision of the General Financial Rules and CVC's instruction.